

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5898
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ASSISTANCE FOR DRINKING WATER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank (WB) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) have sanctioned any financial assistance for the drinking water supply projects in the country during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these funds have been fully utilized;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether there is any mechanism in place to monitor the utilization of the said financial assistance;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the progress achieved under these projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY)

- (a): The World Bank (WB) has not sanctioned any financial assistance for urban drinking water supply projects in the country during the last three years (2007-2008; 2008-2009; 2009-2010). The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved seven water supply projects in India amounting to \$ 446 million since 2007.
- (b): Details are Annexed.
- (c): The disbursement ratio of the projects has increased to 28% in 2009 in comparison to 12% in 2005.
- (d): Inability to utilize funds fully is mostly due to problems encountered in project implementation.
- (e): Yes, Madam
- (f): There is a mechanism for ensuring proper utilization of the loans received from ADB assisted projects which includes Project Readiness Checklist, Tri-partite Review Meetings, State Portfolio Reviews visits and Capacity building.
- (g): As in (c) above.